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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir/Madam:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, Applicant(s) hereby make of record the following additional documents. A PTO Form SB/08 and a full copy of each of the documents required under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) accompany this statement.

Applicant(s) have become aware of the following document, cited in a European Examination Report issued November 15, 2010, during the prosecution of European Application No.: 04 815 497.5, which corresponds to the above referenced application, and in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c) and (e)(1) or (b)(3), hereby submit(s) this document for the Examiner's consideration. This document is cited on the enclosed PTO Form SB/08, and a copy of the European Examination Report and of each document required under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) cited thereon are enclosed as well. Also, enclosed is a Google machine translation of the cited German language document into English.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Order No. 60481(47798).

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